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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR TO THE SEA

CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTER CARVAJAL OUTLINED FOR AMBASSADOR
POPPER CURRENT CHILEAN THINKING REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS
WITH BOLIVIA ON THE PROPOSED OUTLET TO THE SEA. CARVAJAL
NOTED THE CHILEANS:

--ARE TRYING TO CONVINCE THE BOLIVIANS TO PROVIDE A
UNILATERAL PROMISE TO KEEP THE CORRIDOR DEMILITARIZED;

--PROPOSE THE PRECISE AMOUNT OF TERRITORIAL EXCHANGE

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BE CONTINGENT UPON ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL NORMS RE-

GARDING COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION WHEN THE TREATY IS SIGNED, EFFECTIVELY RESERVING EACH SIDE'S POSITION FOR THE FUTURE; AND

--WERE URGING BOLIVIA TO CONSIDER CEDING TO CHILE AN AREA FAR FROM THE FRONTIER WITH PERU IN ORDER TO ALLAY PERUVIAN FEARS.

REFERRING TO A POSSIBLE SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS PINOCHET AND MORALES BERMUDEZ, CARVAJAL ALSO SAID THAT WHILE PERUVIAN AND CHILEAN RELATIONS WERE CERTAINLY NOT AT A CRISIS STAGE, CHILE WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT PERUVIAN ARMS ACQUISITIONS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WE TAKE CARVAJAL'S REMARK TO MEAN THAT THE CHILEANS ARE NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN AN EARLY MEETING. (CONFIDENTIAL) SANTIAGO 10062, 10/18.)

2. NEW ZEALAND: NPW VISITS

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY WELLINGTON, THE NEW ZEALAND PRESS IS REPORTING AN OCTOBER 2 MEETING BETWEEN OPPOSITION LEADER ROWLING AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ON NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS (NPW). ROWLING INDICATED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE NPW ISSUE. THE EMBASSY POINTS OUT:

--TO DISCONTINUE OR CURTAIL PERIODIC NPW VISITS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE EXPRESSED WISHES OF PRIME MINISTER MULDOON AND WOULD REPRESENT A VICTORY FOR ROWLING, WHO HAS CONSISTENTLY VOICED ANTI-US SENTIMENTS.

--THERE HAS BEEN NO SPONTANEOUS PUBLIC REACTION OPPOSING NPW VISITS.

--ANY ANTI-AMERICAN BACKLASH WHICH MIGHT OCCUR FROM NPW VISITS WILL BE LARGELY THAT GENERATED BY ROWLING'S LABOUR PARTY. (CONFIDENTIAL) WELLINGTON 3867, 10/18.)

3. FURTHER THAI DEVELOPMENTS

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THE WIDE SPECULATION THAT MANY YOUNG THAI LEFTISTS WILL SEEK REFUGE IN LAOS OR AMONG COMMUNIST PARTY CADRES IN THE JUNGLES OF THAILAND APPEARS EXAGGERATED. ALTHOUGH AN ACCURATE FIGURE IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN, EMBASSY BANGKOK BELIEVES SUCH REFUGEES ARE NOT NUMEROUS. MEANWHILE, THE THAI REGIME HAS:

--PROHIBITED THE TEACHING OF ALL FORMS OF POLITICAL THEORY, INCLUDING DEMOCRATIC CONCEPTS;

--SEIZED LITERATURE REGARDED AS COMMUNIST-ORIENTED OR OTHERWISE SUBVERSIVE IN CHARACTER; AND

--LISTED SUSPECTS WHOM IT WISHES TO ARREST BUT WHO HAVE GONE INTO HIDING.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IS TAKING THE SUPPRESSION PROGRAM IN STRIDE AND DOES NOT APPEAR CONCERNED BY THE ROUNDUP AND ARREST OF SUSPECTED COMMUNISTS AND LEFTISTS. MANY BELIEVE THAT THOSE ARRESTED DESERVE WHAT THEY ARE GETTING. (CONFIDENTIAL) BANGKOK 18879 AND 18904, 10/19.)

4. SAUDI VIEW ON RIYADH AGREEMENT

IN A MEETING ON OCTOBER 19, FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD INFORMED CHARGE HORAN THAT:

--THE MINI-SUMMIT PRODUCED NO REAL LOSERS, AND IF THERE WAS A WINNER IT WAS THE ARAB WORLD.

--SAUDI ARABIA INITIATED THE CONFERENCE AFTER CONCLUDING THAT THE CONSEQUENCE OF INACTION WOULD BE WORSE.

--THE DISCUSSIONS HAD NOT BEEN EASY, BUT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED AFTER VARIOUS COMBINATIONS OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL SESSIONS.

--THE FORCE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN LEBANON (30,000) WOULD BE UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE PRESIDENT OF LEBANON AND WOULD ENABLE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GOL TO
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ASSERT ITS SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL UNITY AGAINST FACTIONS.

--THE COMPOSITION OF THE FORCE WOULD BE AFFECTED BY PRESIDENT SARKIS' DESIRES.

FURTHERMORE,

--RELATIONS BETWEEN SYRIA AND EGYPT WERE NOW MUCH BETTER.

--SAUDI ARABIA HAD MADE A BIG EFFORT ON BEHALF OF STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT LASTING STABILITY WILL COME ONLY FROM A RENEWED, EFFECTIVE, EVENHANDED US PEACE EFFORT. (SECRET) JIDDA 6897, 10/19.)

5. EGYPT PURSUING SOVIET INITIATIVES?

A RELIABLE AMERICAN JOURNALIST TOLD EMBASSY CAIRO THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM A "HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL" CONFIRMATION THAT FAHMY WILL GO TO MOSCOW TO DISCUSS THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND THAT AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE GOE OCTOBER 21. ON OCTOBER 19 THE EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPER AL-AHRAM QUOTED PRESIDENT SADAT IN RIYADH,

RESPONDING TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE SOVIET GENEVA PROPOSAL, AS ASSERTING THAT USSR/GOE "DIALOGUE" IS UNDERWAY AND RESULTS WILL BE KNOWN SOON.

EMBASSY COMMENT: SINCE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS RIAD HAS FLATLY DENIED TO THE CHARGE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF FAHMY'S TRIP TO MOSCOW, WE CANNOT PURSUE THE SUBJECT FURTHER UNTIL SADAT AND FAHMY RETURN FROM RIYADH. (SECRET) CAIRO 14214, 10/19.)

6. CANADIAN LIBERAL POPULARITY SORELY TESTED

IN THE FIRST HEAD-TO-HEAD GALLUP POLL WITH PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE (PC) LEADER JOE CLARK, PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU WAS BESTED BY EIGHT PERCENTAGE POINTS. OTHER LIBERAL PARTY WOES RECOUNTED BY EMBASSY OTTAWA INCLUDE:
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--TWO FEDERAL BY-ELECTIONS WON BY PC CANDIDATES OCTOBER 18, ONE IN A CONSTITUENCY NOT WON BY THE PC FOR 94 YEARS; AND

--AN EXPECTED HARD-HITTING, GLOVES-OFF CAMPAIGN IN THE QUEBEC GENERAL ELECTION SLATED FOR NOVEMBER 15.

EMBASSY COMMENT: DESPITE THE DECLINING POPULARITY OF THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT, LIBERALS HAVE PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED TRUDEAU HIMSELF MAINTAINED A SOLID MARGIN OF PERSONAL POPULARITY, PARTICULARLY WHEN COMPARED TO THE YOUNG AND UNTESTED CLARK. (CONFIDENTIAL) OTTAWA 4175, 4174, 10/18 AND 4180, 10/19; (UNCLASSIFIED) QUEBEC 266, 10/18.) ROBINSON

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